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SUBJECT: QATARI POLICE CHIEF'S COMMENTS ON IRAQIS

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1. DURING DEA LIAISON VISIT, QATARI COMMANDANT OF POLICE, SHAYKH HAMAD BIN JASSIM AL-THANI TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER TO EMBOFF HIS UNSOLICITED COMMENTS ON IRAQIS. CITING LARGE IRAQI COMMUNITIES IN OTHER GULF STATES, HAMAD SAID ONLY SIXTY-THREE OR SIXTY-FOUR IRAQI CITIZENS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF IRAQI EMBASSY, WERE PRESENTLY LIVING IN QATAR. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IRAQIS WERE NOW BARRED FROM OBTAINING QATARI VISAS.

2. ACCORDING TO HAMAD, SEVEN IRAQI AGENTS HAVE BEEN DEPORTED FROM QATAR WITH ANOTHER UNDER SUSPICION, AND HE HOPES THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL BE DEPORTED SOON. AN IRAQI DIPLOMAT, WHO HE CLAIMED WAS SKILLED IN EXPLOSIVES AND HAD RECEIVED COMMANDO TRAINING IN CUBA AND IN THE USSR, CHOSE TO RESIGN HIS POST REF A AFTER BEING PLACED UNDER INTENSIVE POLICE SURVEILLANCE. WITH OBVIOUS PLEASURE HAMAD RELATED HOW PHYSICAL AND PHONE SURVEILLANCE WAS MADE APPARENT TO THE DIPLOMAT IN THE SUCCESSFUL
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ATTEMPT TO DRIVE HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY. HAMAD RELATED THAT ALL IRAQI CITIZENS IN QATAR WERE WATCHED AND THAT BETWEEN FIVE TO TEN OF HIS MEN WERE ON DUTY AT THE IRAQI EMBASSY AT ALL TIMES.

3. WARMING TO HIS SUBJECT, HAMAD DESCRIBED IRAQIS AS QUOTE ALL MURDERERS UNQUOTE AND SAID THAT ALL THE GOOD IRAQIS HAD BEEN MURDERED. HE USED EXAMPLE OF FORMER PREMIER AHMAD ABDEL RAZAK

TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL, HAMAD CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM BRITISH POLICE OFFICIALS LINKING IRAQI CULTURAL AFFAIRS ATTACHE IN LONDON TO RAZAK'S MURDER.

4. COMMENT: THESE STATEMENTS BY SHAYKH HAMAD ARE PASSED ALONG AT FACE VALUE. HAMAD IS GENERALLY REGARDED IN DOHA AS A CALM, HARD-WORKING MAN WITH AN AFFINITY FOR THE U.S.
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